

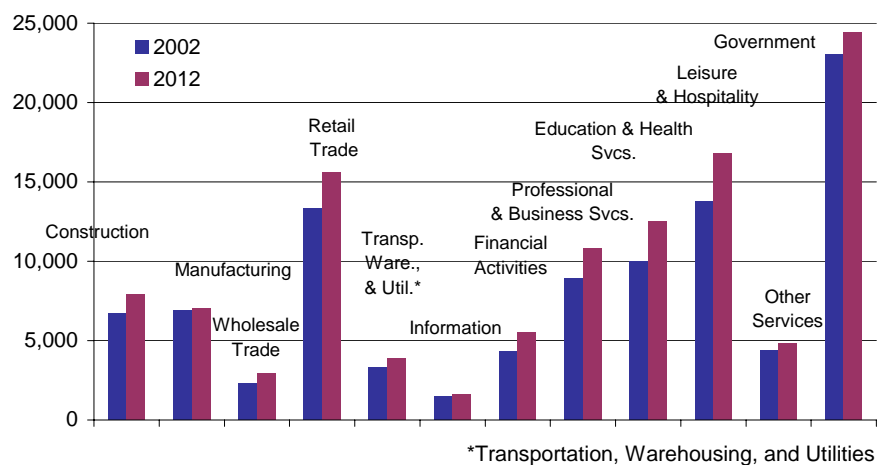
San Luis Obispo County Projection Highlights

Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in San Luis Obispo County is expected to grow 1.6 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The projected annual growth rate is less than the approximately 1.8 percent forecasted for California as a whole. This growth will add 15,400 new jobs and bring the employment of San Luis Obispo County to about 114,000 by 2012. About 63 percent of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Leisure & Hospitality (20%), Education & Health Services (16%), Retail Trade (15%), and Professional & Business Services (12%).

The fastest growing major industry sectors are Financial Activities (2.8% annually), Wholesale Trade (2.6%), and Education & Health Services (2.5%).

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in San Luis Obispo County.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- About 15,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 25,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 40,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 60 percent of all job openings in San Luis Obispo County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate about 24,000 total job openings.

Although the top four occupations in the 50 occupations with the most job openings are relatively low paying, higher paid occupations such as Registered Nurses, Carpenters, General and Operational Managers, and Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers are also in the top 25 occupations.

